

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 4-17 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-3 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 stand allowed.

35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

Claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,715,073 to An et al. (hereinafter "An"). Claims 5 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over An. Claims 9 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over An in view of Housley et al. Claims 4-6, 8-12, and 14-17 have been canceled without prejudice. These cancellations have been made to expedite issuance of the allowed claims in the present application. These cancellations are not intended to be, and are not to be interpreted as, an admission that Applicant agrees with the rejections of claims 4-6, 8-12, and 14-17.

Applicant respectfully requests that the §102 and §103 rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Claims 1-3 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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